Animal Issues Task Force Brainstorming Session June 25, 2012

Issues:

- Animal Control facility
 - New facility.
 - City owned and operated.
 - City and County operated?
 - Contract with Humane Society?
 - Hybrid with new quarantine facility and contract with Humane Society?
 - Partnership with local municipalities.
- Facility location?
 - o Centrally located.
 - City-owned property.
 - o Proximity to utilities.
 - o Proximity to major highway.
- Licensure Intent is to foster responsible pet ownership and provision of better services to pet owners.
 - Annual or lifetime? (Spay/neuter requirement for lifetime licensure.
 - Dog/cats
 - o Differential?
 - o Microchip requirement?
 - o Spay/neuter?
 - o Exceptions?

- Seniors, low income, service animals, show animals, animals too old to reproduce, breeder permit.....
- Where will licensing occur? Vets, animal rescues, clinics....
- Who will administer the program? City licensing, private vets, third party vendor.
- What is the penalty for owning an unlicensed animal.
- What incentives for spay/neuter and micro-chipped.

Policies

- O Do we adopt from our facility?
- o Education for pets and pet owners?
- o Spay/neuter clinic?
- Friends of the Pound? (fund raising, advocacy)
- o Behavioral evaluation?
- Incentives? (Reward responsible pet ownership)
- Breed Specific Legislation (BSL) vs. vicious animals?
- Aggressive program to reunite pets with their owners.
- o Trap-Neuter-Return vs. Trap-Neuter-Restrain.